Dear Jim,

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This relates to something we are not going to find it easy to talk to Bud about if we can at all. It is the messing up, surely by the cabal of which he is part, of what you have known for some time I had arranged. What I had arranged happens to be what you told me a week or so ago is precisely that which Bud says he prefers to the current Schweiker approach.

I felt it best not to go into this when we spoke today. I had two calls on it. In response to the first, which conveyed to me credible explanations of how this subcommittee appointment neutralized what I had in the works, I made a proposal for an amendment of the subcommittee's role, with the emphasis in terms of seriousness and time limitations and the magnitude of its task if it were to be done as it should be. To the staffer this seemed reasonable. He said he was soon to meet with the member. He second call, aside from convenying expressions of respect and appreciation, told me what I have no trouble believing: that the situation is now too delicate for anyone to suggest to a subcommittee how it conceive itself, its responsibilities and its role. For a member this is true. I wondered when I made the suggestion if this would be the answer. That is a unique club whose members have unique sensitivities. Both ways.

There is, of course, always an exception, one of your clients.

As it now stands I have made an additional proposal. I have been given the names of the subcommittee staff, or two of them: Dan Dwyer and Ed Griessen (phon). I have also been told that Hart has a nominee on the staff. I suggested that my contact, if he feels he can, convey my feelings to Hart's nominee, Rick Inderfurth, with the essence of the offer I had made earlier and an invitation to examine what I can offer by way of proofs and a put-together case any time after the middle of next week and before the 19th. (After that my first opportunity will be after the 23rd.)

My present time situatuon freezes me until after the middle of next week and by then I'll have quite an accumulation. If you talk to Bud about this at all don't until after you file the Ray papers. Please don't. Don't even take time to think about it.

If you talk to him you may not, please, mention the name of the one I had spoken to. If it is mentioned you are not to acknowledge it. However, if at that time you see fit, I guess without having time to think that there is nothing wrong with telling him in your own excessively considerate way that he has once again been part of fucking up precisely that he says he wanted - and I do believe he did and does.

Bud can be an effective door-opener. After that he is a vocal, animated disaster. I do not conceive him conceiving himself in this role for which he is so well suited simply because he would, I think wrongly, consider it a lesser role. With his record, were he to swear it on his soul and the lives of his children and the love of his wife I'd have trouble accepting it. So, about myself and what I'll try to do or want to do or be willing to consider I don't want to say anything not thought out and I do not now have time to consider this other than as the spontaneous request above. The approach has been promised. What I don't know is the special poison that has already been injected there and or elsewhere.

Regardless of who some may not have the intent, all these people are and always have been wreckers. There is no end to the opportunities they for various reasons have ended. My instinct is to stay away from all of them. Maybe I will yet. I don't know. I can't think of a single thing of worth any one of them has done, other than Bud's bearing a minor part of the costs of the Ray defense he then ruined in return. Of the others I can't honestly say this much. By others I mean <u>all</u> of them.

While I am well aware that once the material is available, put together if with some handicaps and liabilities, anyone can use and misuse it, I have a slight hope that simply because it is available there may be less use of it. There ought be less willingness to rip it off behind those sacred portals. (Except for those who dwell there.) And it is always possible that there may an an interest in whether more is available.

My purpose in this is success. My opposition is as it has been to what and who jeopardizes it. This will not change. And I've been on the lean teat too much to worry about how muuch milk there will be - if any. There is time and we'll be able to talk further, Best